## **General Application Requirements (FINAL)**

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	b.	Organizati			·				
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	e.	City			Bishop	State C	A Z	Zip 93514	
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# Contact & Certification Information for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010 Agency: Friends of the Inyo Application: General Application Requirements (FINAL)

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3. Contact

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Location Map for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010 Applicant: Friends of the Inyo Application: General Application Requirements (FINAL)

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**Location Map** 

FOI location map Attachments:

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#### **Equipment Inventory**

Has your agency purchased any Equipment with OHV Trust Funds within the last five (5) 

Yes No years? (Please select Yes or No)

#	Item Description	Make	Model	Model	Vehicle Identification	Project
				Year	Number (VIN) or	Agreement
					Serial Number	Number

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Habitat	Management	Program (	(HMP)

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ı	PART 1 - ITEM 1. DETERMINE THE NEE	D FOR FULL FULL HABITAT I	MANAGEMENT PI	ROGRAM (	НМР)
	All Applicants submitting Projects inv requirements. The HMP must cover the Disturbing Activities.		-		round
	Applicants able to certify that none of legal OHV Recreation contain any risk submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants was Application in areas open to legal OHV and/or sensitive habitats shall submit	factors to special-status spe ho cannot certify that the pro I Recreation do not contain a	cies and/or sensi posed activities l	tive habitat isted in the	ts shall
1.	Do any of your proposed projects involve Yes or No)	Ground Disturbing Activities?	(Please select	Yes	C No
2.	Can the Applicant certify that none of the Activities in areas open to legal OHV Rec species and/or sensitive habitats? (If you (Please select Yes or No)	creation contain any risk factors	to special-status	Yes	C No
F	PART 2 - RISK ANALYSIS, MANAGEME	NT PROGRAM AND REPORTI	NG		
PART	2 - Section I. Summary of HMP Change	es			
	Has the Applicant previously submitted a proposed Project Area? (Please select \	•	use in the	Yes	C No
	Table 1 - Summary of HMP Changes				
	Changes from Previous Year		Section Where C	hange Oc	curs
PART	2 - Section II - Special Status Species  Table 2 - Table of All Special-Status Special Considered for Inclusion in the HMP	pecies and Any Other Species	s of Local Concer	n That Wer	re

Species	Listing Status	Habitat	Potential for Occurrence	Addressed by	
				HMP? If not	l
				explain why?	
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PART 2 - Section III - Map(s) of Project Area

PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat

PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 3

Table 3 - Data (Including Baseline Data) and Management Program for Species and/or Sensitive Habitats

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 Known Information	Risks /	Manageme nt Objective(	nt	Success Criteria
	Oncertainties	s)	Action(3)	

#### PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 4

#### **Table 4: Summary of HMP Monitoring Program**

Species/Habitat	1	l	Identify Any Applicable Validation Monitoring (Focused
		Triggers	Studies)

#### PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 5

Table 5. Management Review and Response; Adaptive Management

Methodology		Analyzed	Response to	Who Will Plan Management Response
	Innorm wanagement		luentineu mygers	Response

PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results

PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 6

**Table 6: Previous Year's Monitoring Results** 

Monitoring Accomplishments	Were Objectives and Success Criteria Achieved?

## PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 7

**Table 7: Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results** 

Management Actions	•	Date Completed or Planned - mm/dd/yyyy	Changes Needed to HMP

## PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 8

Table 8 Management Actions Taken in Response to HMP-related Public Concerns

Concern Raised by Public	Actions Taken to Address the Concern
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### **Soil Conservation**

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#### **Soil Conservation**

a. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select C No Yes Yes or No)

#### В. **Soil Conservation Plan**

Attachments:

Inyo National Forest Soil Conservation plan

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#### **Public Review Process**

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#### A. Public Notification Efforts

Check all that apply: (Please select applicable values)

✓ Notice to interested Parties/Groups (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [03/02/2010]

✓ Published on Applicant's Website (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [03/01/2010]

✓ Published in Newspaper

✓ News Release Issued

Public Meeting(s) Hearing(s) Held

#### B. Public Comments

Public comments received by Friends of the Inyo for this Restoration Grant ranged from strong support, statements of the need for the project, questions about CEQA compliance, questions about proposed deliverables and questions about staffing costs. Each item is dealt with below.

In total four letters were received expressing support for the grant. Reasons for support ranged from sustaining and improving the tourism economy of the Eastern Sierra, creation of local jobs, need for improvement of OHV management on the ground, cost effectiveness, and the provision of mentoring opportunities for local youth.

Two letters question the CEQA compliance of the proposed actions and the amount of analysis, in general, done to authorize the proposed actions. The letter writers erroneously believe the local County government, not the State and Federal Gov, to have authority over CEQA/NEPA compliance for projects on Federal land. All actions proposed have been analyzed and authorized by the INF Travel Management FEIS, August 2009.

Concerns about cost will be dealt with in the budget section of the grant. This will largely consist of providing better rational and transparency of the proposed costs. By in large, the concerns were general in nature and not justified by further facts, comparisons or analysis.

Some letter writers were confused as to the size of the project. The project narrative clarifies we are addressing 950 sites over three years, not 2300 as some stated. The proposed treatment number is based on FOI's extensive experience in what our crews can complete on the ground in a given season; these numbers are not arbitrary.

One writer expressed concern about FOI's ability to carry out the proposed work due to our never having held and OHV grant before. FOI has successfully completed contracts with federal agencies for the past three years. This grant is in line with previous successful contracts.

#### C. Application Development as a result of Public Comments

- a. Were changes mades to the Application as a result of public comments? (Please select Yes No
   Yes or No)
- b. Describe how public comments affected the Application

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In response to comments from the public, changes were made to the budget section to provide more transparency and background for individual costs.

Many of the comments were general in nature and did not lend themselves to substantive changes. Following receipt of some comments, FOI was able to contact commentators and provide more information and engage in dialogue to understand some concerns and answer some questions. This was positive.

In response to comments from the Division, the following changes were made:

Under the budget section, more explanation of the proposed costs was provided to further justify the individual line items.

In the Evaluation section, the date of OHV opportunity was modified to match the use data, the narrative for question #2 was improved to elucidate how this project will benefit domestic water supply, include information on conference calls, and provide other explanatory information.

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#### 1. Applicant Certifications

#### A. General Conditions

- A. The Applicant hereby certifies, under the penalty of perjury, compliance with the following terms and conditions:
- If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees to monitor the condition of soils and wildlife
  in the Project Area each year in order to determine whether the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to
  Public Resource Code (PRC), Section 5090.35 and the HMP prepared pursuant to Section 5090.53(a) are being
  met.
- 2. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion, to repair and prevent accelerated erosion, until the same soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is met.
- 3. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion until the same HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is met.
- 4. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of off-highway motor vehicles and the other provisions of Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) of the Vehicle Code and to enforce the other applicable laws regarding the operation of off-highway motor vehicles.
- 5. The Applicant agrees to cooperate with appropriate law enforcement entities to provide proper law enforcement at and around the Facility.
- 6. The Applicant's Project is in accordance with local or federal plans and the strategic plan for OHV Recreation prepared by the OHMVR Division.

#### **B. Programmatic Conditions**

- B. The Applicant must describe the following programmatic conditions:
- 1. Identify the potential for the facility to reduce illegal and unauthorized OHV Recreation activities in the surrounding areas:
- 2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility under its jurisdiction:

#### C. Fee Collection

Describe how fees collected pursuant to Section 38230 of the Vehicle Code (in-lieu funds) are utilized and whether the fees complement the Applicant's proposed Project:

#### D. Compliance with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C)

Projects within the O&M category that affect lands identified as inventoried roadless

areas by the U.S. Forest Service, are compliant with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C). (Please select Yes or No)

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1. Written Agreement with Land Manager

Attachments:

Inyo NF letter of support for FOI OHV grant 2010

2. Verification of Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Status

Attachments:

FOI 501c3 validation letter

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#### 1. OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

#### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

a. Does the land manager agency provide legal OHV riding opportunity? (Please select Yes No Yes or No)

Starting (Month/Year) 10-2005

Ending (Month/Year) 09-2006

- b. Off-Highway Vehicle Opportunity Ratio (OHV Ratio) opportunity
- i. Months of OHV Opportunity (OHV Months) 12
- ii. Total Miles Of Routes Available For OHV Recreation 2362
- iii. Total Acres Of Open Riding Available For OHV Recreation 1100
- iv. OHV Visitation (visitor days) 627470
- V. Ratio of OHV Visitation/OHV Opportunity 181.24

#### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary (2)

- c. Reference Document that support the responses to a. and b. on previous page 2006 Inyo National Forest National Visitor Use Monitoring Survey
- d. Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) = OHV Ratio x OHV Months / 12 181.24

Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) Score

#### 2. Quality of OHV Opportunity

Land Manager's OHV program 10

Check all that apply (Please select applicable values)

- Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available for distribution at no cost (2 points)
- With OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available on the Land Manager's website (2 points)
- ✓ Map indicates relative difficulty of each OHV trail (2 points)
- Map indicates appropriate OHV use type (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, etc.) (2 points)
- At least fifty percent of the staging areas include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures) (2 points)
- Majority of trail intersections are signed with information such as: trail names, directional signs, relative difficulty, mileage to next feature (2 points)

#### 3. Variety of OHV Opportunity

 Skill levels (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced) indicated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with relative difficulty 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- 3 or more skill levels (5 points)
- 1 skill level (1 point)

- © 2 skill levels (3 points)
- Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

b. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, RUV, Sand Rail/Dune Buggy) 6

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(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) © Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (6 points) Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (3 points) Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point) Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points) **Agency Contribution** Is the cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year (not to 🍞 Yes C No include Indirect Costs) greater than \$0?. If NO, then No points. Go to item #5. (Please select Yes or No) If YES, enter cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year (not to include Indirect Costs): 1,671,500 % Funded by OHV Trust Fund (do not include in-lieu funds): 1 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) No OHV Trust Funds were used (6 points) 10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (4 points) 11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points) 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point) More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (No points) Reference Document Email from Inyo National Forest Officer, Jeff Marsolais, dated 2/26/2010. 2009 PWP. **Project Performance** For Applicant's OHV grant Projects which reached the end of the Project performance period within the last two years, the percentage of all deliverables accomplished 5 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) 100% of Deliverable accomplished (5 points) 75% to 99% of Deliverables accomplished (3 points) Less than 75% of Deliverables accomplished (No points) First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points) **Previous Year Performance** In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit. FOR DIVISION USE ONLY (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points) First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points) In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points) **Prevention of OHV trespass** 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Fence (Page 1) a. Is site a completely fenced facility such that OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas is prevented? 0

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(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

🕟 No (ar	nswer item	s b and c)
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Yes (10 points, explain and then skip to item 8)

Explain 'Yes' response:

#### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Patrol (Page 2)

b. The majority of OHV Opportunity areas are patrolled (Check the one most appropriate) 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- At least 5 days per week (5 points)
- At least once per week (3 points)
- At least once per month (1 point)
- C Less than once per month (No points)

Explain patrol efforts (e.g., frequency of patrol, patrol personnel, percent of lands covered by patrols)

Throughout the frontcountry of the Inyo National Forest, Law Enforcement Officers (LEO), Forest Protection Officers (FPO), and Recreation Technicians patrol developed and dispersed areas and make public contacts, and provide information about OHV opportunities, public safety, protection of resources, and OHV enforcement. The Forest has 5 LEOs (one per Ranger District and one in the Supervisors Office), with coverage 7 days per week (year around). The North Zone (Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts) has at least 3 FPOs/Recreation Technicians patrolling during the spring/summer/fall months and 1 FPO/Recreation Technicians during the winter months as part of the OSV program. The South Zone (White Mountain and Mount Whitney Ranger Districts) has 2 FPOs/Recreation Technicians that patrol during the spring/summer/fall months, and 1 FPO that patrols during the winter months (year around OHV program). The OHV/OSV opportunity areas are patrolled at least 5 days per week throughout the year.

#### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Measures (Page 3)

c. Measures to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- Barriers and/or signing are used to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas (3 points)
- Education programs, maps and/or brochures provided to the public address OHV trespass, including respect for private property (2 points)

Explain measures utilized to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas

Resource protection has been a key component of the Inyo National Forest's OHV/OSV programs. Personnel are actively monitoring areas of concern, and take action where issues such as route proliferation and trespass into closed areas are beginning to occur. Public education, installation and maintenance of signage, raking out tracks, and enforcement are a major part of the duties performed by the OHV/OSV patrols. In addition, the Inyo National Forest has an active conservation and restoration program. Where resource issues have been identified that are larger in scope and scale than routine maintenance activities, numerous conservation and restoration projects (planning and implementation) have been completed to address these issues. These projects include obliterating closed routes, installing barriers, and signage. Specific attention is paid to private lands, and the Forest has been actively working with LA Department of Water and Power on routes where much of the illegal OHV activity originates.

#### 8. OHV Education

#### 8 OHV Education - Page 1

a. Education materials available onsite 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

Free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices (5 points)

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E Bulletin boards, signs or kiosks, at the majority of staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers provide information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation (5 points) b. Applicant or Land Manager provides formal programs, educational talks, school field trips, etc. to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices: 1 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) 50 or more per year (3 points) © 20 to 49 times per year (2 points) 5 to 19 times per year (1 point) Less than 5 times per year (No points) 8. OHV Education - Page 2 c. When Facility is open, staff are available at trailheads, visitor centers and/or entrance stations to provide information on safe and responsible OHV use 5 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) Daily (5 points) On all weekends (4 points) On the majority of weekends (2 points) On major holidays (1 points) None of the above (No points) d. ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved training courses are provided to the public: 0 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) At least 30 times per year (5 points) 18-29 times per year (3 points) 4-17 times per year (1 points) Less than 4 times per year (No points) Describe Land Manager's onsite education efforts relative to items a. - d.: The Forest provides information and education about safe and responsible OHV use through patrols (see criteria 7), interagency visitor centers, and partnerships with local agencies and organizations. The Forest has 4 interagency visitor centers located at major entry points which disseminate information about OHV opportunities and safe and responsible OHV use. Staff is trained and available 7 days per week during most of the year at each of the visitor centers to answer questions and disseminate information. Free maps and brochures are available, such as "Motor Touring the Eastern Sierra" (cooperative effort with multiple agencies/organizations), OSV opportunity map (cooperative effort with the Town of Mammoth Lakes), and the Forest motorized vehicle use maps. Books and maps are also available for purchase. Education is emphasized through volunteer projects (avg. 100 hrs/month), and during organized OHV events (10+/year) and permitted operations. 9. Website a. OHV outreach efforts are accomplished through the Land Manager's website 0 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) No (skip to question 10) Yes (provide URL address and answer item b) Provide URL address www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo b. The Land Manager's website contains the following items 5 (Check all that apply) - Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points. (Please select applicable values) Map to location ✓ Hours of operation □ Safety information ✓ Visitor facilities ▼ Contact information ✓ News releases □ Information on responsible riding
✓ Map of Facilities Fee schedule □ Seasonal restrictions Law enforcement contact

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10. **OHV Outreach** Check all forms of OHV outreach the Applicant utilizes: 3 Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 3 points. (Please select applicable values) CDs and/or DVDs ▼ Billboards ☐ OHV dealers Community meetings ✓ News releases □ Fairs ✓ Other (specify) [Mammoth Motocross event] Television Parades ▼ Radio Programs at schools **Natural and Cultural Resources** 11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 1 a. Is the Land Manager's OHV area a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation? (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) No (answer item b) Yes (5 points, explain and then skip to item 12) Explain 'Yes' response 11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 2 b. Resource Management Information System 5 Does the Land Manager maintain a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following: · Ongoing survey/inventory of species · Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species; Recommendations for improvement in species management Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species? (Please select one from list) No (No points) Fig. Yes (5 points) Reference Document Wildlife Habitat Protection Program (WHPP)/Habitat Management Program (HMP) for the 10 OHV/OSV Use Areas (dated September 11, 2007); Travel Management Draft EIS, Biological Assessment/Evaluation for plants and wildlife, and Heritage Resource Report; wildlife, plant, and heritage survey records; and Forest GIS database that contains plant and wildlife species occurrence information, and documented heritage resource sites. **Soil Management** 

#### 12. Soil Management - Page 1

a. Land Manager has developed a systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities?

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(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) No (No points) Yes (5 points) Explain 'Yes' response OHV patrols use Soil Condition Evaluation Forms to note any soil condition deviations from Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Standards. b. Land Manager has developed methods to address soil issues? 5 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) No (No points) Fig. Yes (5 points) Explain 'Yes' response Through ongoing monitoring efforts, the Forest has proactively identified and addressed soil issues through implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs), regular maintenance, and implementation of conservation and restoration projects. 12. Soil Management - Page 2 c. Land Manager performs soil monitoring 3 (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list) Monthly (3 points) After major rain events (2 points) C Annually (No points) Sound Level Testing 13. The Applicant or Land Manager conducts, or causes to be conducted, sound level testing 2 (Check only one if applicable) (Please select one from list) On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (4 points) At least 25% but less than 50% of holidays and weekends (2 points) Less than 25% of holidays and weekends (No points) Describe the sound testing program Random spot checks are conducted throughout the Forest and at organized or permitted events. The Forest has

sound testing equipment and certified sound testers.

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